

THE PENDING CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A head rest apparatus comprising:

a head rest frame supported ~~[[to]]~~ on a seat back frame of a seat back via a tilting shaft so as to freely tilt, and having an upper side of the tilting shaft, to which a head rest is attached;

a pressure receiving member provided in a lower side of the tilting shaft in the head rest frame and receiving a load applied from a front surface of the seat back to a backward portion;

an urging member engaging with the seat back frame and the head rest frame and always urging the head rest frame in a backward tilting direction; and

a stopper member for restricting backward tilting of the head rest frame;

wherein the head rest frame tilts forward around the tilting shaft so as to move the head rest forward when the pressure receiving member is exposed to the load,

the urging member urges the head rest frame in the backward tilting direction from a rear portion of the head rest frame to a forward direction so as to be thrust to the stopper member, and

a head rest holder for mounting the head rest thereto is provided at an upper end of the head rest frame,

the head rest holder has a rear surface facing backward, and an upper end of the seat back frame has a front surface facing forward,

the rear surface is brought into contact with the front surface, whereby back tilting of the head rest frame is restricted.

2. (Currently Amended) A head rest apparatus comprising:

a head rest frame supported ~~[[to]]~~ on a seat back frame of a seat back via a tilting shaft so as to freely tilt, and having an upper side of the tilting shaft, to which a head rest is attached;

a pressure receiving member provided in a lower side of the tilting shaft in the head rest frame and receiving a load applied from a front surface of the seat back to a backward portion;

an urging member engaging with the seat back frame and the head rest frame and always urging the head rest frame in a backward tilting direction; and

a stopper member for restricting backward tilting of the head rest frame;

wherein the head rest frame tilts forward around the tilting shaft so as to move the head rest forward when the pressure receiving member is exposed to the load,

the urging member urges the head rest frame in the backward tilting direction from a rear portion of the head rest frame so as to be thrust to the stopper member, and

a head rest holder for mounting the head rest thereto is provided at an upper end of the head rest frame, the head rest holder is brought into contact with an upper end of the seat back frame, whereby back tilting of the head rest frame is restricted,

the urging member is a cantilever,

a bracket is mounted to an upper end portion of the seat back frame, an upper end of the cantilever is mounted to the bracket.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) A head rest apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the cantilever is provided with a pair of right and left vertical rod portions and a horizontal rod portion connecting lower ends of the vertical rod portions to each other so as to be formed in a substantially U shape, upper end portions of the vertical rod portions are supported to the seat back frame in a cantilever manner, and the horizontal rod portion urges the head rest frame.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A head rest apparatus according to claim 2, wherein a stopper is mounted to the bracket, the upper end of the cantilever is engaged with the stopper so as to form a cantilever support structure.